Double taxation of Indians residing in United States

983. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations were carried on with the United States on the question of avoiding double taxation of Indians residing in United States; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Negotiations for concluding an agreement for avoidance of double taxation of income, that is, avoidance of imposition of tax on the same taxpayer in respect of the same income in both the countries, are in progress. It is not possible at this stage to say what the final outcome would be.

Export of sea shells and snails

984. SHRI D. HEERACHAND: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of sea shells and snails exported during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85; the value of such exports and the names of the countries to which it was exported;

(b) what are the names of the exporters of the above items;

(c) what was the quantity and value for which licences have been issued for export of sea shells and snails during April, to December, 1985 by the Deputy Commissioner, Andamans; and

(d) what are the names of the persons to whom licences have been issued for export of sea shells and snails during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) The Export of Sea Shells during 1983-84 was under OGL-3 and in 1984-85 and in the current policy i.e. 1985—88 it is 'On Merit'.

The item Sea Snails is covered by 'other Marine Products' of which the export during the period is allowed under OGL-3.

Following two firms only were allowed to export Sea Shells during 1985.

M/s. Fri Port, Madras was permitted to export 20 tonnes Sea Shells for an fob value of @US $ 1425/- per tonne to Japan.

M/s. A. Hami Bros., Bombay was permitted to export 16 Kgs. of Cuddy Shells for Rs. 7600 to Sultanate of Oman.

The export of the items under OGL-3 is allowed by the Customs and no separate statistics are maintained by this office.

Imposition of fine on Banks of Madurai for assisting illegal import of steel

985. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has imposed a fine on Banks of Madurai for assisting illegal import of steel items by a certain dealer;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of fine imposed and the details of the case;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered to fix the responsibility of the officials of the Bank in this regard; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and